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Attorney Docket No. 101.0101-00000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )  
Serial No.: 09/768,991 )  
Filed: January 23, 2001 )  
For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT )  
WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO )  
RECEIVE BONE SCREWS )  
(As Amended) )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated June 11, 2002, please amend the application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims (with changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

1. (Amended) A spinal implant for insertion at least in part across at least the height of a  
disc space between adjacent vertebral bodies, said implant comprising:

opposed upper and lower surfaces adapted to be placed toward and in contact with  
each of the adjacent vertebral bodies, respectively, from within the disc space;

a leading end for insertion into the disc space and between the adjacent vertebral  
bodies;

a trailing end opposite said leading end, said trailing end having an exterior surface and  
an outer perimeter with an upper edge and a lower edge adapted to be oriented toward the